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	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mr. Bolton

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Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2006/821)

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The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of November, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of October 2006. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Oshima for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

I would also like to congratulate the Japanese delegation on the diverse and fruitful work carried out during its presidency. Many thanks, Ambassador Oshima.

Statement by the President

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I would like to say a few words as I take up this important post. Peru is very honoured to assume the presidency of the Security Council for the month of November. As I assume this important responsibility, I would first like to affirm the commitment of the Government of Peru to working in a constructive and responsible manner in order, effectively and in a timely manner, to address the various issues before the Council.

Peru's commitment to the United Nations system, its organs and its areas of responsibility is a constant feature of its foreign policy. My country is a founding Member of the United Nations. Throughout the Organization's 61 years of existence, we have supported its efforts to tackle the many challenges involved in the maintenance of international peace and security. Eminent Peruvians have presided over the General Assembly and the International Court of Justice and have served as Secretary-General. They exemplify my country's commitment to the work of our Organization.

Peru is a democratic and multicultural nation that has been shaping its identity through the interplay and integration of the contributions of our indigenous culture with other cultures from diverse parts of the world. At the start of a new century, my country is focusing its efforts on consolidating its socio-economic development. That involves efficient integration with the world's various areas and regions. Peru is committed to constructively contributing towards the strengthening of global processes and, in particular, to promoting the peaceful settlement of disputes and problems that affect international peace and security. We were honoured by the international community's recognition of that commitment when last year Peru was elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

Throughout the year, we have been delivering on our promises by working with all of the countries represented in the Council. This month our responsibility will be even greater. But I am convinced that, with the cooperation of all delegations and the Secretariat, we will be able to carry out this important task in the best possible manner.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I extend a warm welcome to His Excellency Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko (Côte d'Ivoire) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in

accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2006/821, which contains the tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/2006/854, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/2006/829, which contains a letter dated 18 October 2006 from the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/854) before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, China, Congo, Denmark, France, Ghana, Greece, Japan, Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, Slovakia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1721 (2006).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.